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Applicants: Jung-Hong Kao, Necdet Uzun  
Assignee: Cisco Technology, Inc.  
Title: Plug And Play Node Addition In A Dual Ring Topology Network  
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Mail Stop Amendment  
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**RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the non-final Office action dated October 19, 2004, having a shortened statutory period set to expire January 19, 2005. Further examination and consideration are requested.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

No Amendments to the Drawings are presented in this paper.

Remarks begin on page 12 of this paper.

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Transmitted herewith are the following documents in the above-identified application:

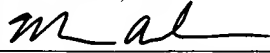
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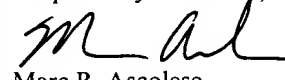
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